

Discussion Questions

Isaiah 42vs18-43vs21

"A return to the land"

Opening: Have we ever wondered if we will make it home? Why does getting home matter so much?

Isaiah 42vs18-25: A hope that fades

1. Why is Israel about to lose her home and be taken off into exile?
2. What do these verses show us about the Lord? And about his people?
3. From these verses, why is a self-reliant approach to getting back to God always hopeless?

Isaiah 43vs1-7: A love that prevails

4. Why would these verses have been such a comfort to Israel, as they faced the exile?
5. Vv. 5-7 look beyond Israel's return from exile to an even greater homecoming for God's people. How can these verses comfort us as we think about our journey home to be with the Lord.

Isaiah 43vs8-21: A promise that's been tested

6. What role will Israel have? How will her return from exile help her fulfil this role?
7. The experience of Israel bears witness to God's ability to keep his promises (both in the exile and the exodus). How can this witness help us as we try to believe God's promises about our future?

Summary: Why can Christians be absolutely certain we will make it home to be with the Lord?